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In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 19, 2006, and Advisory Action mailed October 5, 2006, in the above application, please do not enter the reply filed on September 19, 2006, but please enter the following amendments and remarks. An extension of time for one month to and including November 19, 2006, along with a Request for Continued Examination is enclosed herewith along with the requisite fees for the same. No additional fees or extensions of time are believed due; however, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to deposit account 12-2424, but not including the payment of issue fees.

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